

# House District 39

## Ralph “Weaver” Ivanoff, Independent



**DATE OF BIRTH:** July 8, 1946  
**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Nome, Alaska  
**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Lucia Mike Ivanoff  
**CHILDREN:** Burkher, Yuri,  
Veronica Panyuuriq,  
Gussie Paniuq  
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**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** Lifetime  
Nome, St. Michael, Anchorage, St. Mary's, Unalakleet  
**OCCUPATION:**  
Commercial Fisherman/ Administrator  
**EDUCATION:**  
Unalakleet School: 1960-1962; Mt. Edgecumbe High  
School: 1962-1964; University of Alaska, Fairbanks:  
1964-1966; Alaska Methodist University: 1972-1973.  
**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Governor's Educational Summit; City Council  
Unalakleet; President Native Village Unalakleet; State  
Board of Education; Co-Chair, State of Alaska  
Children's Trust Council; Governor's Self-Governance  
Council; Bering Strait School District Board.  
**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Administrator  
**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**  
Former President Kawerak Board, Past Chairman  
Bering Sea Fishermen's Association, Past Chairman

Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee, Past  
Chair Arctic Regional Council, Boardmember Norton  
Sound Health Corporation, Boardmember Community  
Enterprise Development Corporation, member  
Advisory Panel North Pacific Fishery Management  
Council, Inuit Circumpolar Conference Delegate,  
Boardmember Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim Scientific  
Steering Salmon Initiative.

### **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

broadcast basketball

### **OTHER:**

Father, Ralph Ivanoff, mother, Laura Peterson of Mt.  
Village, gave me traditional roots. St. Mary's  
Potlatches/Eskimo dancing are part of my family's  
cultural heritage.

### **STATEMENT:**

**Fisheries:** As a subsistence fisherman foremost and a  
commercial fisherman second, I am concerned about  
our Arctic Yukon salmon stocks and restricted subsis-  
tence regulations. The resources of the ocean and  
rivers are our way of life; we must be involved to  
strengthen our ability to harvest and sustain us now,  
and for our grandchildren. Co-management of natural  
resources is working and I know it can work with our  
fisheries. Commercially, a well-managed fishery that  
provides family-waged jobs and produces top quality  
high value seafoods for consumers worldwide is  
needed to improve our markets and prices.

**Education:** We must bridge the gap between tradi-  
tional values and modern technology in our schools  
and communities. We must continually empower our  
youth to become involved and a part of the decision-  
making process in our schools, communities and  
organizations so they too can have a handle on their  
future. As a school boardmember I supported funding  
for new schools, fought for student activities, pro-  
grams to enable our teacher-aides to receive teacher  
certificates, and sought ways to improve educational  
programs so our valedictorians and salutatorians are  
not required to take remedial Math and English cours-  
es. I will develop programs to put local people in our  
schools as administrators and teachers.

**Health:** Continue to clean up contaminated sites,  
funding for water and sewer and for early detection  
and screening of cancer.

I purposely worked with a variety of organizations to  
make a difference in our lives and to become qualified  
to best represent you, your community and children.

*provided and paid for by the candidate*